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**Train driver in Spanish crash to face probe  
78 dead in worst Spanish train crash in decades**

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### US sends letter to Russia over Snowden: official

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia has received a letter from the United States spelling out its position over intelligence leaker Edward Snowden whose month-long stay in a Moscow airport has led to new tensions in diplomatic ties, the justice ministry said Thursday.

"On July 24, 2013, the Russian justice ministry received a letter from US Attorney General Eric Holder which explains certain aspects of the US position on the issue of ex-CIA employee Edward Snowden's status," the ministry said in a written statement sent to AFP.

"The document does not contain requests about extradition or deportation," said the statement without providing further details.

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### Government intent on creating employment opportunities for 50 plussers

The Minister of Labor Otmar Oduber, together with the Department of Labor (DAO) has begun the process of investigation with the view of improving the possibilities for the working class. One of the projects of investigation has to do with the participation of different groups in the labor force.

The study has thus far revealed that there are different vulnerable groups in our community who have great difficulty finding work in the labor force.

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## Aruba Jewish community welcomes a visit from the Roving Rabbis



**Rabbi Yossi Denburg and Rabbi David Kolarsky**

Two young men determined to polish the many Jewish "diamonds in the rough" that struggle to maintain their faith in remote communities, recently spent a few days on Aruba beginning last Sunday, July 21. Rabbi David Kotlarsky, who was enjoying his fifth visit to the island, was joined by newcomer Rabbi Yossi Denburg, originally from Boca Raton, in the annual visit from the Chabad-Lubavitch Yeshiva out of Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

They are part of a volunteer summer outreach program conducted by the

Chabad-Lubavitch Hassidic Sect, bringing literature, Judaica, such as candles and tefillin, also known as phylacteries, and goodwill to members of Aruba's tiny community. One of the highlights of their visit, is to call on Prime Minister Mike Eman, who always welcomes them graciously.

"Our summer pilgrimage is a mitzvah," explains Rabbi Kotlarsky. A mitzvah is a good deed done with absolutely no expectation of any tangible reward. "When we give a Sabbath candle to someone who has little ac-

cess to them, we do it with the hope that they pass that light on to their family and community, helping to maintain the traditions that enforce their faith."

"These simple actions create a great light, not just actually, but a spiritual light," adds Rabbi Denburg, "and I believe people are naturally drawn to this light and warmth. We encourage each member of the community to be like the lamplighters of olden times, each lighting a lamp that will eventually shine on all of us."

Rabbi Denburg has been to Germany, Poland and other Eastern European nations on the annual summer rounds, and is relishing the multi-cultural nature of Aruba, and the beautiful, exotic surroundings. They are part of the Roving Rabbi movement ([www.rovingrabbis.com](http://www.rovingrabbis.com)) a division of the Merkos L'Inyona Chinuch. The movement and many of their ideas have been developed by the works and teaching of the great Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known worldwide as simply "The Rebbe." He led the Chabad-Lubavitch movement until his death in 1994, greatly expanding its worldwide activities and founding a global network of institutions to spread traditional Judaism among the faith. These include schools, kindergartens, synagogues and Chabad houses. He successfully built a network of more than 3,600 institutions in over 70 countries and 1000 cities around the world.

"Our visits are also time to the approaching High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur," explains Rabbi Kotlarsky, "this is a time of reflection for Jews around the



**With Prime Minister Mike Eman**

world. They contemplate what their faith means to them and their place in the community."

The Roving Rabbis were warmly welcomed by the local community at the home of Claudia and Kenneth Ponson, who celebrated with Rabbi Kotlarsky his upcoming nuptials. He was pleased to present invitations to his wedding in October to Deborah Leah Hertz, also a member of the Chabad-Lubavitch sect.

After Aruba, Rabbi Kot-

larsky and Rabbi Denburg will visit Curacao, the tiny Jewish community of only 15 in Bonaire where they will be helping to establish a Jewish cemetery and community center. After that it will be on to Suriname and French Guyana, finishing their summer tour in Trinidad & Tobago, which once had a community of over 600, but it has now dwindled down to a little over 55.

By Rosalie Klein

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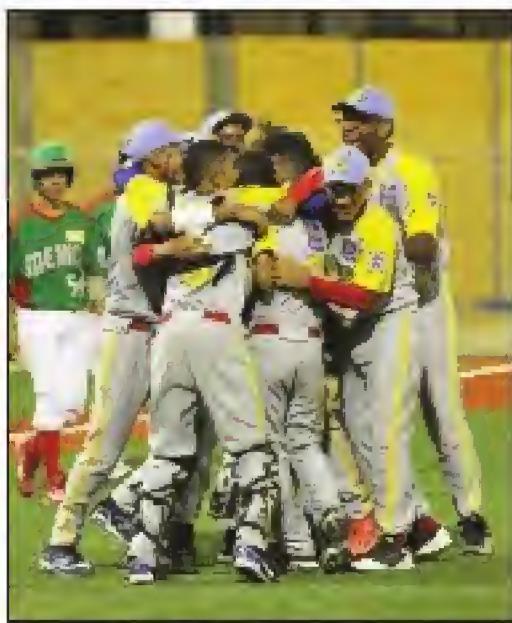
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## Aruba doing well!

### Update: Aruba's position at the Junior League Latin America Games



As host for the Latin American games this year, Aruba has the privilege of having two teams in the championship, Team Aruba I and Team Aruba II.

Last year Aruba won the Junior League Latin American games and consequently represented Latin America at the World Series.

Up to today Team Aruba I is doing a tremendous job and demonstrating that we can do it!

In their 4 games played team Aruba I is unbeaten and are in the top position in their

pool (B).

Their spot in the finals are already secured!

Team Aruba II, which is a selection invited to the tournament due to the fact that Aruba is hosting the championship, did not reach the finals but put up a tremendous fight along the way.

Aruba I scores:

Aruba 3, El Salvador 0

Aruba 4, Mexico 3

Aruba 3, Panama 2

Aruba 2, Costa Rica 1

Aruba's next game is today at 7 p.m. at the Nadi Croes/Crisimo Angela Stadium, so the whole community is invited to come out and support our young ball players and animate them on their way to the finals once again!

Results of the Latin American games can be found on: <http://www.littleleague.org/worldseries/series/jlbb/qualify/latinamerica.htm>

Or like the facebook page: Junior League Latin American Baseball Aruba 2013 and get results and photos.



Pope Francis met Brazilian sports legends and blessed the Olympic flag in Rio Thursday as the football-mad pontiff brought his religious power to the city preparing major sporting events. The 76-year-old Argentine, an aficionado of Buenos Aires club San Lorenzo, shook hands with football icon Zico as well as Olympic athletes before receiving the keys to the metropolis. The pope made the sign of the cross and sprinkled holy water on the Olympic flag as he stood on the balcony of the Rio City Hall — the same spot where the symbol of Carnival, King Momo, accepts the city's keys every year to kick off the wild annual party.



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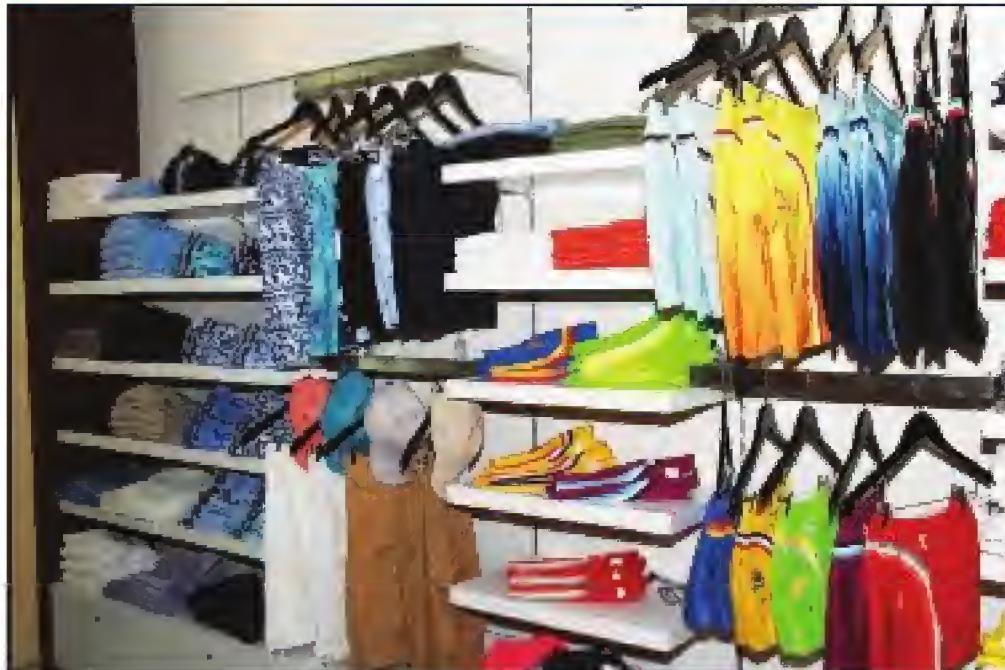
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## Timeless sporty style for men, women and youth at the new DLG store in Paseo Herencia



Men and boy board shorts from Vilebrequin

A bastion of stylish, quality sportswear has quietly opened its doors in Paseo Herencia Mall, the DLG Store, just off the central Plaza Padu. Owner Aldino De Luca is extremely proud of the shop's collection of Diesel, Vilebrequin, Gaastra and G-Star Raw from Holland, Sundek and Timberland fashions.

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Mediterranean coast is the inspiration, from Italy and San Tropez. In the 70's, the house of Vilebrequin revolutionized swim wear by creating swim trunks from spinnaker cloth and has since remained on the cutting edge of swimwear.

Those who adore their denim lifestyle will find the famous trend-setting Diesel

jeans and jackets, with color-coordinated mix and match tops. DLG has an ample collection from the high-demand Italian design house.

Gaastra of Holland specializes in functional and nautical sportswear brand designed with intense passion for sailing and the sea. Their international reputation is built on a rich nautical history of providing professional quality clothing to sailors. Their sports line displays a unique mixture of functionality and fashion, with a timeless look that never goes out of style.

Clothing from Dutch company G-Star Raw, which specializes in raw denim, unwashed and untreated, has a distinct military influence, interpreting vintage military apparel from around the world. The latest hot fashion,



Diesel quality jeans and shirts

camo cargo shorts for men, can be

found at DLG.

DLG owner Aldino expressed his great pleasure at being able to offer these famous brands of fine designer sportswear to Palm Beach shoppers with his new Paseo Herencia store. They are the exclusive distributors on Aruba of these fine quality designers, and looks forward to welcoming discerning and fashion-conscious clients to his new store.

By Rosalie Klein



**Government****Intent on...**

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Min. Oduber

Such groups as those with certain limitations, persons older than 50 years of age and also even young people; as well as those preparing to retire from the work force and go on a pension are having difficulties finding employment.

One group that has already received due attention are women in the work force. The study revealed that women are succeeding in their careers and are receiving due protection from our labor laws.

The government is intent on focusing on one very vulnerable group in our community, which is the group of 50 plussers. This group has a lot of trouble getting employed. Hence, the government is diligently working on a solution for this situation. The Minister of Labor is in the process of implementing an incentive for employers to begin employing 50 plussers into certain functions.

Remarkable is the fact that this very group is a group of persons with ample experience and expertise which will certainly contribute immensely to the production and service of any company.

We are certain that many of these persons are waiting with excitement to see how this intent will pan out and if anything concrete will come out of these efforts by the government. Many of these 50 plussers are very eager to get back into the work force...if for no other reason, simply to remain active!

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## Weiner's women numbers rise, poll numbers fall

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Shamed US politician Anthony Weiner admitted Thursday to having had at least three cyber affairs since his 2011 resignation from Congress, in a fresh blow to his crumbling bid to become New York mayor.

The new confession, forced out of the 48-year-old

as he doggedly attempted to press on with his campaign, came as a poll indicated support for Weiner collapsing amongst registered Democrats.

The poll was the first to be carried out since Tuesday's revelation that Weiner had sent pictures of his penis to a young activist in 2012, a year

after he quit Congress and just months after the birth of his son.

More crotch shots allegedly sent by Weiner under the online pseudonym Carlos Danger were published on Thursday by the site that broke the story, The Dirty.

A poll carried out by Marist College for NBC and

the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday found that Weiner's favorability rating among registered Democrats fell from 52 percent in June to 30 percent on Wednesday.

Until this week, Weiner had been the frontrunner in the race for the Democrat nomination but he has been taken over by Christine

Quinn, the openly lesbian Speaker of the City Council.

The latest poll gave Quinn 25 percent support amongst Democrats, the same level Weiner had last month, against 16 percent for him.

Marist director Lee Miringoff said Weiner's mayoral campaign now looked seriously compromised.



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## 78 dead in worst Spanish train crash in decades



A crane removes a carriage from the tracks at the site of a train crash near Santiago de Compostela on July 25

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (AFP) - A train flew off the tracks as it reportedly tore at twice the speed limit around a bend in northwest Spain, killing at least 78 passengers and injuring more than 140 in the nation's deadliest rail disaster since 1944.

Carriages piled into each other and overturned in the accident late Wednesday, smoke billowing from the wreckage of mangled steel and smashed windows as bodies were lain out under blankets along the tracks.

State railway company Renfe said it was too early to determine the cause but several media outlets said the train carrying 218 passengers and four crew was speeding.

It came off the tracks on a curve at 8:42 pm (1842 GMT) on Wednesday as it was about to enter Santiago de Compostela station in the northwestern region of Galicia.

One of the drivers who became trapped in the cab of the train after the accident told railway officials by radio shortly after the crash that the train had taken the curve at 190 kilometres per hour (118mph), unidentified investigation sources told *El País* newspaper.

The speed limit on that section of track is 80km/h.

"I was going at 190! I hope no one died because it will weigh on my conscience," he said, according to the online edition of the newspaper.

The driver faces questioning by police, a court official told AFP.

"The judge has asked the police that he make a declaration," said the spokesman for the high court in Galicia, the region where the disaster occurred on Wednesday.

The official said the unnamed driver will be accompanied by a lawyer during the questioning.

The eight carriages of the train derailed on a stretch of high-speed track about four kilometres from the station in the city, the destination of the famous El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage which has been followed by Christians since the Middle Ages.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, a native of Santiago de Compostela, arrived at the scene of the accident before visiting victims in hospital on Thursday.

Rajoy declared three days of mourning, while King Juan Carlos and Crown Prince Felipe called off their public engagements out of respect for the victims.

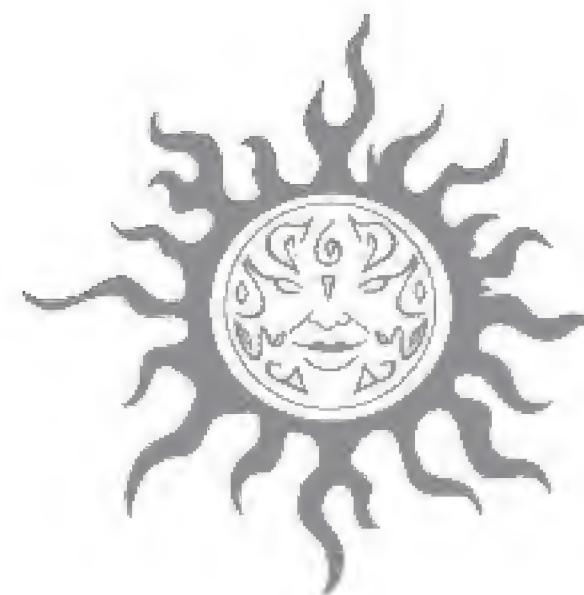
### US sends letter to Russia over Snowden: official

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Washington wants to prosecute the former National Security Agency contractor on espionage charges for revealing details of a vast spying programme and has repeatedly pressed Moscow to send him back to the United States. The Kremlin has defied calls to extradite him, saying there was no such agreement between the two countries, but also indicated it does not want to see ties damaged over Snowden.

The now famous fugitive has been marooned in Sheremetyevo airport since arriving from Hong Kong on June 23. He applied for temporary asylum in Russia last week and had been widely expected to be given a pass to enter into Russia proper on Wednesday.

A pro-Kremlin lawyer assisting Snowden with his asylum request, Anatoly Kucherena, told reporters however that Snowden was so far staying at the airport and the legal process was taking longer than expected.



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## Colombia admits rights violations in battle with leftists

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia admitted for the first time Thursday that the government has been guilty of "serious human rights violations" during its 50-year battle with leftist rebels.

President Juan Manuel Santos made the admission in

a speech aimed at defending a constitutional amendment known as the "legal framework for peace," which is considered the legal basis for ongoing peace negotiations.

The Bogota government and rebels from the Revolu-

tionary Armed Forces of Colombia since November have been engaged in talks aimed at ending the conflict, Latin America's longest running.

"Our role, as agents of the state, is to guarantee and protect the rights of all citizens. For that reason, our responsibility is that much greater," he added.

"If we are truly at the end of this conflict, members of FARC and the ELN and the demobilized fighters of the AUC (the far-right United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia) ... must also take on their own responsibility," the president emphasized.

"That is critical," he said.



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### International News

## Force-feeding of Gitmo inmates is unethical: US doctor



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The force-feeding of hunger striking inmates at the US prison in Guantanamo clearly violates medical ethics and international law, a former military doctor told senators on Wednesday.

Stephen Xenakis, a retired Army brigadier general and psychiatrist, called for an end to feeding some detainees through nasal tubes when they refuse to eat, saying it was a coercive, inhumane practice that broke the bond between a doctor and patient.

Detainees launched the hunger strike more than four months ago to protest their indefinite detention, including dozens who have been cleared as posing no imminent threat

to the United States.

According to the Pentagon's latest tally, 80 out of 166 detainees are on hunger strike, 46 on a list for possible feeding through nasal tubes.

Several Democrats at the hearing agreed with the doctor's testimony, with Senator Dianne Feinstein repeating her calls to end force-feeding.

US officials defend the force-feeding as part of their obligation to ensure the health and safety of the detainees.

President Barack Obama's administration also is anxious to avoid a politically-damaging scenario in which hunger strikers starve to death, similar to the situation faced by the British government in Northern Ireland during the 1980s.

### Death penalty for cop killer

NEW YORK -- Ronell Wilson, the New York City street gang member whose first death sentence for killing two undercover police detectives was overturned, was sentenced again on Wednesday to die by a federal jury that heard gripping testimony about his time in jail, where he roamed freely after the shootings, intimidated fellow inmates and fathered a child with a guard. The anonymous 12-member jury took just five hours to reach its decision to return Mr. Wilson to federal death row, where no other New Yorker has served time in six decades.



## Pope warns Latin America against legalizing drugs

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Pope Francis has warned Latin America against legalizing drugs, arguing in sharply-worded and highly political remarks that liberal policies under consideration in his home region will not reduce the problem.

The Argentine-born pontiff delved into the hot topic on Wednesday after celebrating the first public mass of his week-long visit to Brazil, in which he has sought to deliver a message of hope to the poor and vulnerable.

He drew a line against drugs as he met crack addicts and inaugurated a rehabilitation ward at a Rio de Janeiro hospital run by Franciscan monks.

"The scourge of drug trafficking, which favors violence and sows the seeds of suffering and death, requires of society as a whole an act of courage," Francis said as rain fell on the Saint Francis hospital.

Hours earlier, the 76-year-old pope, in Brazil for a Catholic youth festival, urged Catholics to reject "ephemeral idols" such as money, power and success as he led mass at the country's most revered shrine.

Drug violence has killed more than 70,000 people in Mexico alone since 2006,



while narcotics trafficking continues unabated across Latin America, fueling calls for a rethink of the US-backed "war on drugs".

Guatemala's president has called for legalization, a vision shared by ex-presidents in Brazil, Mexico and Colombia but opposed by the United States and Mexican governments.

Uruguayan President Jose Mujica has proposed legalizing marijuana in his country.

But the pope said society must fight the underlying problems of drug use by "promoting greater justice, educating young people in the values that build up life in society, accompanying those in difficulty and giving them hope for the

future."

Latin America's first pope visited a hospital after flying back from a mass at the Shrine of Our Lady Aparecida in neighboring Sao Paulo state, where more than 200,000 people braved the cold rain to greet him.

After entering the basilica, the visibly moved pontiff held a statue of the dark-skinned Virgin of Aparecida, Brazil's patroness whom Francis himself reveres.

After the mass, the pope stepped out to bless the crowd and announced he would return in 2017 on the 300th anniversary of the statue's discovery by three local fishermen.



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## Health & Living

### Dengue outbreak has killed 26 in Central America: officials

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - An unusually potent outbreak of dengue fever has killed 26 people and infected nearly 40,000 more so far this year in Central America, where the mosquito-born illness is endemic.

Honduras has seen the most fatalities, with 15, followed by Nicaragua, with five. The highest number of infections has been recorded in Costa Rica, with 17,000.

Only Panama has so far been spared this year, with just 300 cases and no deaths.

With a warm and humid climate and powerful rainy seasons, Central America is an ideal region for the mosquitoes that carry the virus.

Like many countries in the region, Honduras, which has seen 12,000 cases of dengue fever this year, has been working to mobilize the population to limit the spread of mosquitoes.

The government program has been using the slogan, "Without breeding, there are no mosquitoes. Without mosquitoes, there is no dengue."

But authorities say initiatives to eliminate the standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs have met with only limited success.

In nearby Costa Rica, where three have already died this year, a health official says people are not taking the issue seriously.

"Spraying does not help much if we don't eliminate the mosquito breeding sites," said Costa Rica's top health official Roberto Castro, "but not in all cases do the neighbors respond."

Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador issued formal dengue alerts earlier this month, while Guatemala and Panama officials said they were monitoring

the disease, which normally spreads more easily later in the rainy season.

Health authorities said they have been baffled by this recent outbreak, which has occurred despite a spate of unusually dry weather.

Dengue affects between 50 and 100 million people in the tropics and subtropics each year, resulting in fever, muscle and joint ache.

The disease is caused by four strains of virus that are spread by the mosquito Aedes aegypti.

There is no vaccine, so medical authorities in the region, where poverty is widespread, have been trying to stamp it out by focusing on mosquito control.

The illness can be fatal, developing into hemorrhagic fever, which can lead to shock and internal bleeding.

### Tall women face higher cancer risk

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Taller women may face a higher risk of many cancers than their shorter counterparts, according to a US study released Thursday.

Researchers looked at a sample of nearly 145,000 post-menopausal women aged 50 to 79 for the analysis published in the US journal Cancer Epidemiology.

They found that each additional 10 centimeters (four inches) of height was linked to a 13 percent higher risk of getting cancer.

"Ultimately, cancer is a result of processes having to do with growth, so it makes sense that hormones or other growth factors that influence height may also influence cancer risk," said lead author Geoffrey Kabat, senior epidemiologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York.

After 12 years of following women who entered the study without cancer, researchers found links between greater height and higher likelihood of

developing cancers of the breast, colon, endometrium, kidney, ovary, rectum, thyroid, as well as multiple myeloma and melanoma.

The height association remained even after scientists adjusted for factors that might influence these cancers, such as age, weight, education, smoking habits, alcohol consumption and hormone therapy.

Some cancers saw an even higher risk among taller women, such as a 23 to 29 percent increase in the risk of developing cancers of the kidney, rectum, thyroid, and blood for each additional 10 centimeters of height.

None of the 19 cancers studied showed a lower risk with greater height.

The study did not establish a certain height level at which cancer risk begins to rise, and Kabat said it is important to remember that the increased risk researchers found was small.

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## Parasite sickens 250 in Midwest

ATLANTA -- More than 200 people in the U.S. fell beginning in mid June with the cyclospora parasite.

Now the stomach bug has affected almost 300 people in nine states with scattered reports of outbreaks in two others. It is apparently spreading.

The intestinal illness called **cyclospora infection** (caused by the Cyclospora parasite) is caused by a one-cell parasite invisible to the naked eye. It takes about a week to incubate then causes intense diarrhea, loss of appetite, weight loss, stomach cramps and pain, bloating, nausea and fatigue.

Top health officials continue searching for the source of the multi-state outbreak. While the CDC said 10 people have been hospitalized.

"People can get bloating, vomiting, low grade fevers as well and if it's not diagnosed

you can get a fatigue syndrome afterwards," Dr. Steven Gordon, Chairman Infectious Disease at the Cleveland Clinic, said.

"A human has to drink or eat contaminated food or water that's contaminated with infective oocyst of this parasite," Gordon said.

The Cyclospora parasite is commonly found in tropical countries, putting travelers at risk, but most outbreaks in the U.S. have been linked to produce imported from those regions - basil, raspberries, mesclun lettuce and snowpeas. If diagnosed, a cyclosporiasis infection can be treated with antibiotics.

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## Sci-Tech

# China to spend \$277 billion on improving air quality



BEIJING (AFP) - China's government plans to spend 1,700 billion yuan (\$277 billion) to tackle air pollution over the next five years, state media reported Thursday, after smog became a major source of social discontent.

The money will be spent on reducing concentrations of damaging particles known as PM2.5 in the air, the state-run China Daily newspaper cited an official as saying.

Across China, levels of PM2.5 -- tiny particles that are generated by burning coal and can penetrate deep into the lungs, causing damage -- regularly exceed limits suggested by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Officials aim to reduce PM2.5 emissions in key cities including Beijing by around 25 percent compared to 2012 levels by 2017, the report said.

The plan would mean PM2.5 concentrations in Beijing will reach around 60 micrograms per cubic meter by 2017, the report said -- still several times above the WHO's limit.

The report did not provide details of how the targets would be met. China's environmental ministry was not immediately available to comment.

An especially heavy wave of pollution earlier this year stoked popular discontent, prompting China's government to announce measures to improve air quality -- including rating officials' performance on air quality ratings in their regions.

A decades-old Chinese policy of giving out free coal for winter heating in the north of the country has reduced life expectancy there by more than five years, a study released earlier this month by a US scientific journal said.

China is mostly reliant on coal for power, and its consumption of fossil fuels grew

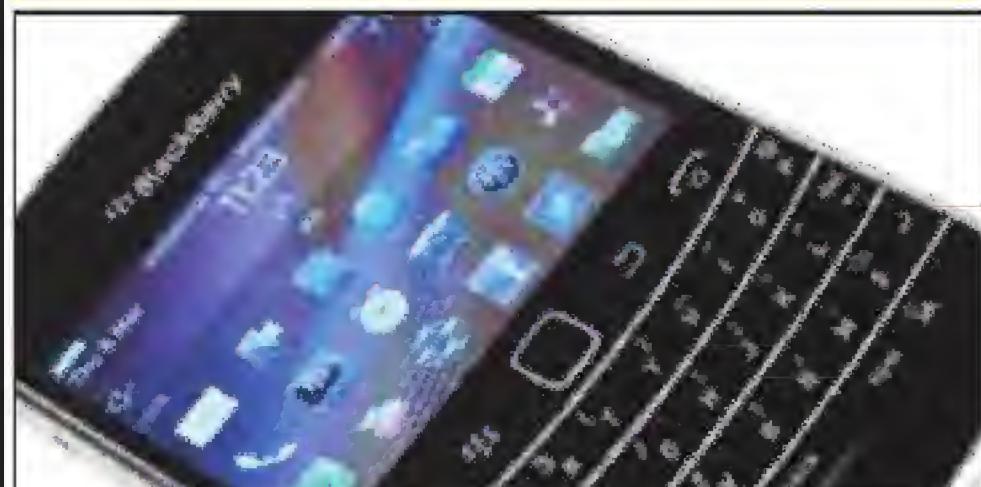
rapidly in recent decades as the country's economy expanded to become the world's second largest.

China's coal consumption is expected to continue to grow -- although Beijing has set a target of raising non-fossil energy use to 15 percent of its total consumption by 2020, up from 10 percent in 2010.



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Paleontologists in northern Mexico have excavated a five-meter (16-foot) long fossilized dinosaur tail from a creature that lived more than 72 million years ago. The tail, made up of about 50 vertebrae, belonged to one of the crested duckbill dinosaurs, likely a lambeosaurus, a statement from the National Institute of Anthropology and History said Monday. The tail, first discovered in the Guadalupe Alimitos desert in 2005, was buried in sedimentary rock. Other long bones and hip bones have also been found, and scientists believe the rest of the skeleton -- which they estimate will measure a total of about 12 meters (40 feet) long -- is buried there.

## BlackBerry cuts 250 jobs



OTTAWA (AFP) - Struggling smartphone maker BlackBerry has fired 250 employees in a new product testing division at its Canadian headquarters, a spokeswoman said Thursday. While BlackBerry helped create a culture of mobile users who were glued to the company's smartphones, many of those customers have since moved to Apple or other smartphone makers such as Samsung, mainly using the Google Android operating system. A recent survey showed BlackBerry's share of the global smartphone market shrank to 2.9 percent in the first quarter of 2013. In a turnaround bid, the company unveiled a new platform in January, as it dropped the corporate name Research in Motion to rebrand as BlackBerry. An unexpected first quarter loss and disappointing sales figures posted last month sent its share price plunging.



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## Arrested cleric accuses cardinals of covering up crimes

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - A senior cleric arrested on suspicion of corruption wrote to the pope on Thursday to accuse cardinals of covering up irregular financial activities carried out by his superiors in the Vatican.

The prelate, who was arrested on June 28 on suspicion of having acted as an intermediary for suspect transactions at the Vatican bank -- otherwise known as the Institute for Religious Works (IOR) -- proclaimed his innocence.

Scarano, who worked for years as an accountant for APSA, an agency that manages Vatican assets, said he had documents which would prove his good faith and asked the pontiff permission to present them to him in person.

The investigators allege that Scarano had used Vatican bank accounts to make transfers on behalf of his friends, including an attempt to move 20 million euros (\$26 million) on behalf of a Neapolitan shipowning family.

The IOR, which does not lend money, handles funds for all the Vatican departments, Catholic charities and congregations as well as priests and nuns around the world, and manages assets of some 7.0 billion euros (\$9.3 billion).

According to the Vatican's Financial Intelligence Authority, there were six reports of suspicious financial activity in the Vatican in 2012.

Pope Francis has acted boldly to overhaul the Vatican bank's murky image, including installing a special five-member commission tasked with investigating the institute and reporting their findings directly back to him personally.

## Facebook seen at turning point as mobile ads surge

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Shares of Facebook surged Thursday after a sharp jump in mobile ad revenues propelled profits and marked what some analyst called a turning point for the social networking giant.

A day after its quarterly earnings report, Facebook shares leapt 26 percent to \$33.42 at 1630 GMT, the biggest jump since its public offering in May 2012 as the stock hit its highest level in over a year.

Facebook shares had fallen sharply after the highly anticipated IPO last year and have yet to get back to the offering price of \$38. Analysts have spotlighted sluggish mobile ad revenue growth as a major hurdle for the stock.

But the company has aggressively changed its online format to enable it to follow its one billion members onto smartphones or tablets as lifestyles increasingly revolve

around accessing the Internet from mobile devices.

Facebook reported net income in the second quarter of \$331 million compared with a loss of \$157 million in the year-ago period.

Revenue for the quarter that ended June 30 climbed to \$1.81 billion, up 53 percent from the same period a year earlier. Facebook said 41 percent of its ad revenues came from mobile, compared with 30 percent in the prior quarter and virtually nothing a year ago.

Of Facebook's 1.15 billion monthly users as of June 30, 819 million use a mobile device. Of Facebook 669 million customers who use the site daily, 469 million use a mobile device, according to Facebook.

Since Facebook modified the format in 2012, ads now represent about five percent of the content on a user's newsfeed, company officials said.



**NEW YORK CITY (AFP)**  
- Oil prices Thursday rose on bullish sentiment in the commodity and weakness in the US dollar, even as rising US oil production hit a new landmark. US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for September delivery rose 10 cents to \$105.49 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

European benchmark Brent oil added 46 cents at \$107.65 a barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange in London. The oil market remains in a bullish mood, analysts said, in part due to a streak of recent withdrawals from US oil stockpiles. Some market observers also see continued unrest in Egypt as boosting the commodity. Thursday's gains come despite the latest US report showing big increases in US petroleum output. Oil output reached 7.555 million barrels a day the week of July 19, the highest level since 1983, according to the US Energy Information Administration.

## FINANCE

### US charges hackers over 160 million bank card numbers

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US authorities indicted five men on Thursday on charges of running a global hacking operation that enabled them to steal the bank card numbers of more than 160 million people.

Prosecutors in Newark, New Jersey described the scheme as the largest hacking and data breach case ever prosecuted in the United States.

According to the indictment, the men -- four Russians and a Ukrainian -- targeted major payment processors, retailers and financial institutions around the world over the course of seven years, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.

The defendants were charged with attacks on, among others, NASDAQ, Visa Jordan, the Belgian bank Dexia, and Diners Singapore. Just three of the corporate victims have reported combined losses in excess of \$300 million.

Only one is currently in US custody. He was arrested in the Netherlands last year along with and extradited. Another is awaiting an extradition hearing

in the Netherlands. The other three suspects are still at large.

US investigators have been on the trail of the hackers for at least four years with Kalinin and Drinkman having been identified as Hacker 1 and Hacker 2 in a 2009 indictment of Albert Gonzalez, who was subsequently convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison for accessing the confidential data of Heartland Payment Systems and other corporations in what was, until then, the biggest case of its kind.

The pair were described as specialists in penetrating network security and gaining access to the systems of major corporations. Moscow-based Kotov was said to be the expert in mining the networks his accomplices had opened up.

This involved installing malicious code, or malware, on compromised systems, enabling the harvesting of user names and passwords, means of identification and bank card numbers.

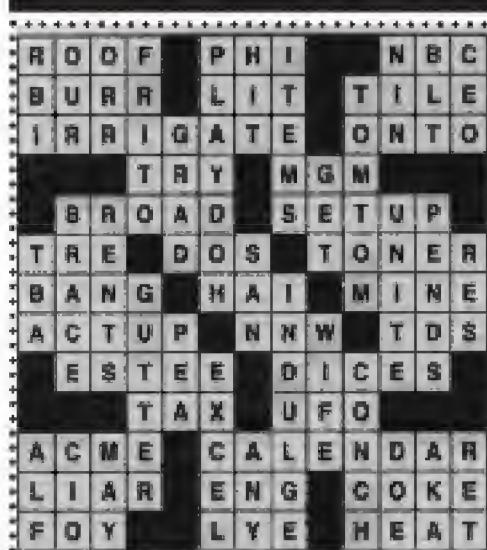
The US investigators regard the estimate of 160 million numbers obtained by the group as a conservative one.

The group was prepared to wait for months at a time for their efforts to break a particular company's security.

Instant message chats between the defendants indicate they had malware implanted on some companies' servers for over a year, according to investigators.

A stolen American credit card number and the details needed to use it were said to be worth 10 dollars, a Canadian one \$15 and a European one \$50 to the identity theft wholesalers who bought the data.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer





## Cuba heavy metal band seeks asylum in the U.S.A



MIAMI (AFP) - Six members of a Cuban heavy metal group requested political asylum after touching down in the United States, a band member told AFP on Wednesday.

The musicians, who left Havana on Sunday night, touched down in Miami in the early hours of Monday morning en route to a concert in Oakland, California.

"It's not something we had thought about until we got here," said bass player Fanny Tachin, confirming reports of the request which first appeared on Cafe Fuerte, a blog catering to Cuban immigrants in Florida.

Tachin said members of the band Hipnosis had lodged requests after lead singer Ramiro Pupo decided to seek asylum.

"Once we saw that we all decided to follow," Tachin said.

Tachin said the musicians had "sentimental, family and economic" reasons for seeking asylum, noting that Pupo's daughter already lived in Miami while the mother of another band member was also a US resident.

Thousands of Cubans try to flee their homeland every year for the United States, where they are guaranteed political asylum.

Tachin said the six band members planned to pursue their careers in the United States.

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## Dark tales at Venice film fest; aliens, astronauts and psychopaths

ROME (AFP) - Tales of crises, terror and abuse will reign at the Venice film festival this year, with the lack of Hollywood stars made up for by the screening of a series of intriguing wild cards.

The 70th edition of the world's oldest film festival, which runs from August 28 to September 7, will mirror today's difficult economic and social climate -- and will lack big names because it cannot afford to entice them to come, the director said Thursday.

Among them, British Stephen Frears unveils the true story of "Philomena", starring Judi Dench as a mother seeking the son she gave up for adoption, and Steve Coogan as the journalist who helps her in her quest.

Terry Gilliam's computer-hacker drama "The Zero Theorem" features Oscar-winning Christoph Waltz as a reclusive maths genius, while Jonathan Glazer's highly anticipated "Under the Skin" stars Scarlett Johansson as an alien who hunts down and devours unwitting hikers.

US films in the running include David Gordon Green's

"Joe", a brutal drama starring Nicholas Cage as an ex-con who becomes an unlikely role model for a homeless child, and James Franco's "Child of God" which tells the tale of a cave dweller who tries to exist outside the social order.

For the first time, two documentaries will also be running for the top prize; American Errol Morris's "The Unknown Known: The Life and Times of Donald Rumsfeld" and Italian Gianfranco Rosi's "Sacro GRA" on life in the suburbs of Rome.

American hunk George Clooney and co-star Sandra Bullock will kick off the festival with Mexican Alfonso Cuarón's film "Gravity", a 3D sci-fi thriller in which the pair play astronauts who get into trouble out in deep space when their shuttle is destroyed.

The jury will be headed up by Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci, 73, and will include Academy Award-winning British filmmaker and actress Andrea Arnold, French actress Virginie Ledoyen, and German actress Martina Gedeck.

## French girl writes 2,600 euros in bad cheques for candy



BORDEAUX (AFP) - A 12-year-old girl in the southern French city of Bordeaux has been caught by police after using stolen cheques to buy 2,600 euros (\$3,440) worth of candies and pastries.

Local police said Thursday that the girl had stolen a chequebook in March from a neighbour and used it over several months to buy the sweets from local bakeries.

Her criminal sweet tooth was uncovered when a local bakery tried to deposit 23 of the cheques and they bounced. She was quickly ap-

prehended, questioned by police and released after her parents agreed to pay the bakery back.

## Ooow, Royal Faux Pas

LONDON -- Prince William made the common mistake of not properly securing the newborn prince, George Alexander Louis in his car seat. Photos show the newborn prince, George Alexander Louis, swaddled in a blanket underneath the Britax B-Safe car seat's straps, which are only loosely fastened. "Child-restraint systems are often used incorrectly," the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. "One study found that 72 percent of nearly 3,500 observed car and booster seats were misused in a way that could be expected to increase a child's risk of injury during a crash."



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sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## SPORTS

### NBA: Durant, Love set for US squad at 2014 worlds

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Three-time NBA scoring champion Kevin Durant and former NBA rebounding champion Kevin Love will play for the United States in next year's Basketball World Cup, US coach Mike Krzyzewski announced.

Oklahoma City Thunder star Durant and Minnesota Timberwolves big man Love were teammates on the 2012 London Olympic gold medal team as well as the 2010 world championship squad that will defend its crown next year in Spain.

Both players have committed to the US program through 2016, when the Americans will try to defend their title at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Durant was named Most Valuable Player of the 2010 FIBA World Championship,

now redubbed the FIBA World Cup, and led the US squad with 19.5 points a game at the London Olympics.

That could pit the Americans against host Spain, a team that has tested the US squad before losing in the past two Olympic finals. But, Durant noted, it would not be the first time the US NBA stars faced the hosts in the worlds.

Love averaged 11.6 points and a team-best 7.6 rebounds during the 2012 Olympics.

"We are looking for bigger and brighter things," Love said. "Being committed all the way through 2016 is very big for us." Krzyzewski, also the coach at Duke University, said Durant and Love said it will be a huge step to have Durant and Love over the next Olympic cycle.

### Tennis: Injured Federer crashes out in Gstaad

- GSTAAD (AFP) - Injured Roger Federer's worrying slump continued Thursday when he was knocked out of the Swiss Open by world number 55 Daniel Brands in another shattering blow just a month out from the US Open.

- The German spoiled former world number one Federer's return to the tournament after nine years with a shock 6-3, 6-4 second round upset.

- Federer revealed he's been struggling with back pain in recent weeks, severely limiting his play.

- Amid suspicions of a recurrence of the problem which has affected him in the past, Federer said that the injury has indeed returned.

- World number five Federer has won only the Halle title this season after claiming his 17th Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in 2012.

- Last week, the 31-year-old was stunned by Argentine qual-



ifier Federico Delbonis, the world number 114, in the Hamburg semi-finals.

That brought to an end a run of 36 consecutive Grand Slam quarter-final appearances for the Swiss.

Thursday's 65-minute upset left Federer scrambling to find some form ahead of the US Open in four weeks' time.

The fifth-ranked Swiss -- his lowest standing in a decade -- was competing in this elite alpine village at 800 metres nine years after last appearing in a title-winning performance.

- NFL: Falcons, Ryan agree on rich contract extension**

- ATLANTA (AFP) - Matt Ryan, coming off his best NFL season, has agreed upon a five-year deal worth \$103.75 million to remain as quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons.

- The deal, announced on the NFL's website as the Falcons began pre-season workouts, was an extension of the contract that the 28-year-old passer signed as a rookie in 2008, when he was taken third overall in the NFL Draft.

- Ryan, who was set to begin the final season of his old deal, will receive a guaranteed \$59 million and is set to make \$63 million in the first three years of the new contract. He would be a free agent at age 32 if he completes the new contract.

Ryan threw for a career-best 4,719 yards with a career-high 32 touchdowns, completing 68.6 percent of his passes while leading the Falcons to a 13-3 record and his first playoff victory.

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## Baseball: A-Rod says he is ready but Yankees not sure

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Alex Rodriguez says he is ready to return to the lineup for the New York Yankees on Friday but the Major League Baseball club is not planning to use him.

Rodriguez, also under scrutiny in a doping investigation by Major League Baseball that has already led to Milwaukee slugger Ryan Braun being suspended for the remainder of this season, sought a second opinion about his strained left thigh without telling the team.

"I think the Yanks and I crossed signals," Rodriguez said Thursday.



"I don't want any more mix ups. I'm excited and ready to play and help this team win a championship. I feel great and I'm ready and want to be in the lineup Friday night. Enough doctors, let's play."

But Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he had not spoken

to Yankees general manager Brian Cashman about the third baseman's status and said he would be surprised to have him in the lineup on Friday against Tampa Bay.

"I am sure they will go through all the proper rehab channels and we'll move forward every day," Girardi said.

Even if Rodriguez is cleared to play he may not get the chance. He has been linked to the Biogenesis clinic in Miami, which allegedly supplied performance-enhancing drugs to several players. Braun received a 65-game ban on Tuesday as a result of the probe.

## NBA: Knicks ink new deal with Martin

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Kenyon Martin signed a new contract to return to the NBA's New York Knicks on Thursday after joining the club last February for a late-season run.

Martin averaged 7.2 points and 5.3 rebounds in 18 games with the Knicks last season. He averaged 5.8 points and 4.5 rebounds in 12 playoff games as well.

Details of the deal were not disclosed, but the contract is for one year at \$1.4 million according to several reports.

Martin's efforts helped New York forward Carmelo Anthony edge Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant for the NBA scoring title last season.

Martin was the top overall selection in the 2000 NBA Draft and has averaged 12.8 points and 7.0 rebounds over 714 career games with New Jersey, Denver, the Los Angeles Clippers and Knicks. He was an NBA All-Star forward in 2004.

## Baseball: Hudson breaks ankle against Mets

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Atlanta star pitcher Tim Hudson broke his ankle and was left wincing in pain after a clash at first base during the Braves 8-2 victory over the New York Mets Wednesday.

Hudson left the field in the eighth inning on a stretcher after being flattened when he was stepped on by Eric Young who was trying to beat out a throw.

The pitcher crumpled to the ground in obvious pain. Before Hudson was taken off the field, Young came over to apologize.

The Braves said Hudson would have surgery in Atlanta when swelling goes down. No timetable was given for his recovery.

Hudson was working on a four-hit shutout when he was hurt. He struck out nine in 7 2/3 innings to help record the win for the Braves.

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## Boxing: Cuba to make professional debut with Mexico friendly

PARIS (AFP) - Cuba will take its first tentative steps into professional boxing next month with a friendly team competition against Mexico.

Cuba has created a team to take part in the professional World Series Boxing (WSB) tournament which is run by the Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA).

Fighters who take part in the WSB competition are paid but do not lose their amateur status, allowing them to compete at the Olympics and other AIBA events.

Traditionally, communist Cuba has refused to allow its boxers to turn professional, insisting they compete for the glory of the nation by winning world and Olympic medals, rather than for their own financial gain in the paid ranks.

It has resulted in many talented Cuban boxers defecting from the tiny Caribbean island nation to turn professional by

fighting out of other countries.

The new Cuba Domadores team was created last month and will challenge the Mexico Guerreros in Mexico City from August 29-30.

The Domadores (which means "tamers" in English) have replaced the British Lionhearts in the 12-team WSB competition after AIBA expelled the London-based squad over a row about funding.

Cuba will join Mexico as well as teams from Kazakhstan, the champions, Russia, Azerbaijan and Poland in Group B of the competition, which begins on November 15.

One change in the competition's rules will see teams doubled in size as the format adopts all 10 AIBA weight divisions, having previously used only five of them.

Teams play each other home and away throughout the regular season before the top four from each group qualify for the quarter-finals.



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## Atletico Mineiro wins 1st Copa Libertadores title



BELO HORIZONTE - (AFP) Former Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and AC Milan star Ronaldinho was instrumental in helping Brazilian side Atletico Mineiro defeat Paraguay's Olimpia in a penalty shoot-out on Wednesday to win the Copa Libertadores for the first time.

Trailing 0-2 from the first leg, Atletico opened the scoring through the tournament's leading scorer Jo in the 36th minute but had to wait until three minutes from time to snatch the equaliser through defender Leonardo Silva.

After a goalless extra-time, the final went to penalties which the Brazilians won 4-3 in front of 60,000 fans at the Mineirao Stadium.

A World Cup winner with Brazil in 2002 and Champions League winner with Barcelona in 2006, Ronaldinho returned to his home country in 2011 with his top ambition being to win the South American continental cup to go with his other honours.

"This is why I came back to Brazil," the two-time winner of the world player of the year award said. "Not long ago peo-

ple were saying that I was done but we showed today that isn't the case."

Olimpia, aiming for their fourth Copa Libertadores title and first since 2002, were left rueing a host of golden goal opportunities.

"You can't miss so many chances in a Copa final," coach Ever Almeida said.

Atletico will now go on to represent South America at the World Club championships in Morocco in December alongside teams such as Bayern Munich and Mexican side Monterrey.

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**U.S. Beats Honduras, Will Play Panama in Gold Cup Soccer Final**  
--The U.S. defeated Honduras 3-1 to advance to the final of soccer's Gold Cup, where it will meet Panama, a 2-1 victor over two-time defending champion Mexico. The final between the U.S. and Mexico is scheduled for July 28 at Soldier Field in Chicago. The U.S. won the last of its four Gold Cup titles in 2007, two years after it beat Panama in the Central American country's only prior visit to the final. Mexico won the past two editions of the biennial tournament to take its tally to six, while Canada is the only other nation to claim the trophy, in 2000. Panama, beat Mexico 2-1 in the group phase, took the lead in the 12th minute Thursday night as Perez beat keeper Jonathan Orozco at his near post with a shot from near the goal line.



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